

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number**

0906-0052

**Case Title:**

Technical Anodize

**Reporting Office:**

Los Angeles, CA Resident Office

**Subject of Report:**

Discharge Incident Observed on February 1, 2012

**Activity Date:**

February 1, 2012

**Reporting Official and Date:**

██████████, SA

02-FEB-2012, Signed by ██████████, SA

**Approving Official and Date:**

██████████, SAC

03-FEB-2012, Approved by ██████████, SAC

**SYNOPSIS**

A Technical Anodize employee was observed using a hose to wash out a container, resulting in a milky white liquid flowing in the gutter eastward along Price Street on February 1, 2012.

**DETAILS**

On February 1, 2012 the reporting agent was standing outside the Technical Anodize facility at 1140 Price Street, Pomona, CA conducting an interview of a Technical Anodize employee. Also present were Special Agent (SA) ██████████ and SA ██████████, both from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). During the interview, at approximately 2:15pm, the reporting agent noticed a large quantity of white milky liquid moving through the gutter in front of the Technical Anodize facility. The liquid was moving eastward toward a storm drain on Price Avenue. The interview was delayed for a few minutes while the reporting agent followed the flow of liquid upstream. The liquid was coming from the fenced in lot at the Technical Anodize facility. An employee of Technical Anodize, who identified ██████████ as ██████████, was using a hose to spray the white milky substance from the fenced yard into the gutter along Price Street. The reporting agent told ██████████ to stop immediately and asked what the substance was. ██████████ said it was "bondo" and that he was "just cleaning up". The reporting agent told ██████████ that nothing can be discharged into the storm drain except rain. ██████████ said ██████████ would stop and would not do it again.

The reporting agent contacted SA ██████████ by telephone and asked her to contact the appropriate county or city regulatory agencies to respond to try to get a sample. SA ██████████ contacted Joe Baiocco from LA County Public Works.

Before leaving the facility, the reporting agent also told another Technical Anodize employee, ██████████ (the ██████████), that nothing can be discharged to the storm drain. ██████████ said ██████████ understood.

The reporting agent took two photographs of the flow, attached. Because of the ongoing interview, which was then followed by an arrest, the reporting agent did not get an opportunity to trace the downstream flow of the wastewater to confirm whether or not it reached the storm drain.

**ATTACHMENT**

.Photograph 1

Photograph 2